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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/680,206	BENZ ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Daniel A Hess	2876

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment of 11/12/2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7,9 and 11-30.
3. The drawings filed on 1c (6)1065 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No. _____	7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
4 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT / REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of an amendment received on 11/12/2003, which has been placed in the file of record, and to which this action is a response.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In line 1 of the abstract, the words "is provided" have been deleted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Re claim 4: Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1 rather than claim 2.

Re claim 6: The words --The device wherein-- have been replaced with --The device of claim 3 wherein--

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-30 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prosecution history makes clear the reasons for allowance. The following is an excerpt from the reply received on 11/12/2003 by the office:

Claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 11-30 are pending in this application. Claim 10 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 10 was drawn to the feature wherein the controller as provided determines a positioning code formed through colors of pre-defined positioning fields as a result of digital measuring generated from those positioning fields and uses the positioning code to control the measurement of the individual measuring fields of the original. The subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 1 rendering claim 1 and all of the claims dependent thereon allowable.

In addition independent claims 25 (drawn to a test original...) and claim 29 (drawn to a device for photoelectric measurement of measuring fields, as is claim 1) have been amended to include the feature spelled out in allowable claim 10.

As has been acknowledged by the Examiner (page 13 of the Office Action by allowance of claim 10), the prior art does not disclose such feature in a device incorporating a controller which is designed to determine such a positioning code through colors of pre-defined positioning fields nor does it or can it teach a test strip wherein colors are used in a predefined coding scheme for the purpose of deriving a positioning code which is used for the measurement of the individual measuring fields of the original.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

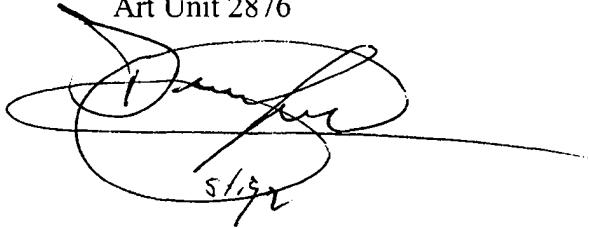
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel A Hess whose telephone number is (703) 305-3841. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G Lee can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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